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These are amendments to the NIST Handbooks 44, 130 and the Annual Book of ASTM Standards that were adopted into regulation by the National Conference on Weights and Measures in 2003. Federal law requires these changes. The National Institute of Standards and Technology has a statutory responsibility for "cooperation with the States in securing uniformity of weights and measures laws and methods of inspection." In fulfilling this responsibility, the institute recommends adopting these amendments from the National Council on Weights and Measures.

Technology constantly changes the devices that determine mass, volume, length and count in commercial transactions. These changes require appropriate changes in the process and procedures used that govern how these transactions are enacted. The amendments being considered for adoption into regulation reflect the changes brought about during calendar year 2003. It is necessary that Arkansas adopt these amends to continue to enforce uniform standards with the other states.